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Application No. 10/601,702
Docket No. 033171-47**REMARKS**

By the above actions, claims 1, 2, 6-12, and 19-26 have been amended. In view of these actions and the following remarks, further consideration of this application is now requested.

Before proceeding further, the undersigned wished to thank the Examiner for his open-minded and helpful consideration of the points raised by the undersigned at a personal interview conducted on October 19, 2005. The substance of these discussion as incorporated into the comments presented below relative to the outstanding rejection.

Claims 1-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. At the interview, it was indicated that the Examiner was correct in his assessment that materials identified as usable for the layer 32 are not adhesives. That is, as shown in the drawings, layer 32 is not stippled as an adhesive in the manner of adhesive layers 18 and 20 and the reference to this layer being an adhesive layer was due to a translation error, and this layer is an adhesion layer, not an adhesive layer to which the adhesive of adhesive layer 18 is able to securely and permanently bond upon cross-linking thereof consistent with the statement in paragraph [0037] that layer 32 is "used for adhesion between the carrier element 14 and the adhesive surface 18." Thus, it was agreed at the interview that the description of this layer in the claims would be changed to an "intermediate layer," this layer being located intermediate the layers 14 & 18 and that the specification would be amended accordingly, which has been done. Thus, withdrawal of this rejection is in order and is now requested.


At the interview, the Examiner indicated that, while the above changes were acceptable for overcoming the § 112 rejection, they affected the scope of the claims in a manner raising new issues that would require further consideration and search, so that an Request for Continued Examination (RCE) would have to be filed in order to obtain entry and consideration of this response. Therefore, and RCE is being filed along with this Amendment.

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If, after consideration of this response, issues remain which could be resolved through further discussions with the undersigned, then the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone in order to expedite the further examination of this application. In this regard, the Examiner's attention is directed to the new address and telephone number set forth below and on the accompanying Change of Address notice.

Respectfully submitted,


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